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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 TO: EVENING NOTES

SOVIETS GEARED FOR LIMITED PROGRESS ON STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS:
 THE SOVIET UNION IS GEARED FOR LIMITED PROGRESS TOWARD NEW
 CURBS ON STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS WHEN YOU VISIT MOSCO, 3/5
 .9, 5%, COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS SAID TODAY. THEY DID NOT ANTICIPATE
 ANY SWEEPING AGREEMENT IN YOUR TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS, BUT
 THEY EXPECTED THE NEW ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS COULD PROVIDE THE BASIS
 FOR EVENTUAL ARMS LIMITATIONS. THE SOURCES SAID THE KREMLIN
 WANTS AN AGREEMENT TO CURB THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE, BUT IT IS
 ANXIOUS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS AT LEAST PARITY
 WITH THE US IN ALL MAJOR SPHERES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONRY.

PAPANDREOU ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF NEW POLITICAL PARTY: GREEK
 POLITICIAN ANDREAS PAPANDREOU TODAY ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF
 A NEW POLITICAL PARTY, THE PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT.
 HE SAID ITS MAIN AIMS WERE THE CREATION OF A STATE FREE FROM FOREIGN
 CONTROL OR INTERVENTION AND THE SOCIALIST TRANSFORMATION OF THE
 COUNTRY. SPEAKING AT HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE SINCE HIS
 RETURN FROM SELF-EXILE LAST MONTH, PAPANDREOU CLAIMED THE GREEK
 ECONOMY HAD BEEN INFILTRATED AND ERODED BY THE U.S. AND WESTERN
 MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES IN COOPERATION WITH DOMESTIC INTERMEDIARY
 CAPITAL. HE SAID GREECE WAS "TRANSFORMED INTO AN ADVANCED NUCLEAR
 GUARDPOST OF THE PENTAGON," ADDING THAT THE COUNTRY SHOULD
 COMPLETE ITS BREAK WITH NATO BY ALSO WITHDRAWING FROM ITS
 POLITICAL ALLIANCE.

POSSIBLE RESIGNATION OF DUTCH DEFENSE MINISTER: AS A RESULT
 OF AN OUTSPOKEN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED AUGUST 29 IN A DUTCH WEEKLY,
 DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELINGS FUTURE IN THE DUTCH CABINET IS IN
 QUESTION, ALTHOUGH THE CABINET HAS DECIDED FOR THE TIME BEING
 TO KEEP HIM IN OFFICE. OPPOSITION PARTIES CALLED FOR A PARLIA-
 MENTARY DEBATE, AND LEADERS OF TWO OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENT
 COALITION PARTIES REQUESTED PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER
 DEN UYL TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. NO REACTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM
 SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS, THE MOST MALIGNED OF VREDELING'S TARGETS,
 BUT RELATIONS BETWEEN VREDELING AND LUNS ARE LIKELY TO BE STRAINED
 DURING THE COMING MONTHS. THIS COULD INFLUENCE THE CABINET

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TOWARD A DECISION TO EASE VREDELING OUT AFTER THE PRESENT FUROR DIES DOWN.

FOLLOW UP ON SINKING OF SOVPET DESTROYER: THE SOVIET KASHIN-CLASS DESTROYER, WHICH SANK IN THE WESTERN BLACK SEA NEAR SEVASTAPOL FRIDAY FOLLOWING A FIRE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN, NORMALLY CARRIES A CREW OF 240 PERSONNEL. THUS FAR, ONLY 73 MEN HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR, LEAVING THE POSSIBILITY THAT 160 MEN MIGHT HAVE PERISHED IN THE FIRE. ONE COMMANDING OFFICER ISNAMED AS MISSING.

LAOS-- PHOUMI VONGVICHIT TO UN: COMMUNIST PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT WILL APPARENTLY HEAD LAOS' DELEGATION TO THE OPENING SESSION OF THE UNGA.

PHOUMI RECENTLY ADVISED SEVERAL FOREIGN MINISTRY COLLEAGUES THAT HE INTENDS TO LEAVE VIENTIANE ON SEPTEMBER 13 FOR A THREE-WEEK STAY IN NEW YORK. ENROUTE, PHOUMI PLANS TO MAKE A BRIEF STOPOVER IN PARIS TO CONFER WITH CONVALESCING PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA. WHILE IN NEW YORK, PHOUMI HOPES TO MEET WITH YOU AS WELL AS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND INDONESIA.

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PHOUMI'S REPORTED DECISION MARKS A DEPARTURE FROM HIS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO LEAVE LAOS DURING SOUVANNA'S ABSENCE FROM THE COUNTRY. IT SUGGESTS A GROWING CONFIDENCE ON HIS PART THAT THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION HAS STABILIZED SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT A BRIEF DIPLOMATIC JUNKET ABROAD.

WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS: FRED HOFFMAN QUOTES DEFENSE OFFICIALS AS SAYING THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING "STAGGERING PRESSURE" ON FOUR NATO COUNTRIES THAT ARE TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER TO BUY A FRENCH OR A U.S. JET FIGHTER. AT STAKE ARE CONTRACTS POTENTIALLY WORTH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE IN EUROPE, LARGE NUMBERS OF JOBS IN TWO AILING ECONOMIES, AND HOPES FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BENEFITS.

HENRY BRADSHAW REPORTS THAT AMID INTENSIFIED FIGHTING BY NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, HANOI CELEBRATED NATIONAL DAY YESTERDAY WITH A LOW-KEYED REITERATION OF ITS PRIORITY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH. A BLAND SPEECH BY PREMIER PHOM VAN DONG GAVE NO INDICATION THAT NORTH VIETNAM HAS SWITCHED PRIORITIES BACK TOWARD MAJOR MILITARY OFFENSIVES AGAINST THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT.

HENRY TANNER REPORTS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE VLO REPORTEDLY HAS TOLD THE U. S. THROUGH THIRD PARTIES, THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO ENTER INTO DIRECT DISCUSSION WITH WASHINGTON PREFERABLY VIA A MEETING BETWEEN YASIR ARAFAT, THE PLO'S CHAIRMAN, AND YOU.

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DAN KURZMAN REPORTS THAT, DEPENDING ON THE ULTIMATE
POWER OF AMERICAN JEWRY TO COUNTER ADMINISTRATION PRESSURE
ON ISRAEL, PRIME MINISTER RABINI IS LIKELY TO TAKE A TOUGH LINE WHEN
HE ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK FOR TALKS ON MIDDLE
EASTERN PEACE. INCREASINGLY DISTRUSTFUL OF YOU, ISRAEL SEEMS
DETERMINED NOT TO BE LURED INTO ANY DIPLOMATIC TRAPS, HOWEVER
ENTICING THE CARROT THAT MAY BE DANGLED BEFORE ITS ARMS-HUNGRY CHOPS.

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